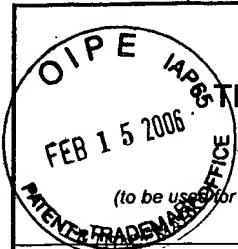


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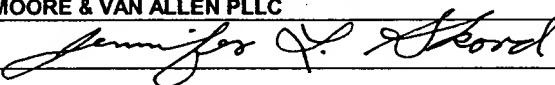
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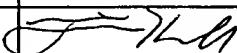
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Reissue Serial No.: 09/919,750 Art Unit: 3731

Reissue Filed: July 31, 2001 Examiner: Jackson, Gary

Reissue of: U.S. Patent No. 5,931,855 (U.S. Serial No. 08/859,887)

For: SURGICAL METHODS USING ONE-WAY SUTURE

**CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO AMENDMENT (RESPONSIVE TO JUNE 15, 2004
OFFICIAL ACTION) PRESENTING ADDITIONAL BROADENING CLAIMS
FOR REISSUE APPLICATION**

The undersigned assignee and owner of the entire interest in the above-identified patent and above-identified reissue application hereby consents to the Amendment (Responsive to June 15, 2004 Official Action) presenting additional broadening claims for the above-identified reissue application, which was originally filed as a broadening reissue application on the basis of the applicant having claimed less than he had a right to claim.

Documentary evidence of the undersigned's entire interest in the above-identified patent and above-identified reissue application is found in the recorded Assignment document at:

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AMENDMENT (Responsive to June 15, 2004 Official Action)

Sir:

This is responsive to the June 15, 2005 Official Action having a statutory 3-month term for responding that will expire on **September 15, 2004**.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.